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Representation of Indian Christians in the District Board of South Kanara.

*114-B Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: With reference to my question No. 1912 answered on 26th March 1929 regarding the representation of Indian Christians in the District Board of South Kanara, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state what the special reasons are for appointing a lady to a vacancy caused by the retirement of an Indian Christian when she belongs to a community which has 14 members already represented in the Board?

A.—The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clause (*d*) of question No. 114-A.

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"With reference to the answer given to clause (*c*), of my question, may I know whether he was appointed to the Temple Committee previous to his wife's nomination to the District Board of South Kanara?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Notice, Sir."

Alleged illegal actions of the President, Kasimkota Union.

*115 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 10th January 1929, from the rate-payers of Kasimkota union, Vizagapatam taluk board, making certain allegations against the President of the Kasimkota Union, one Kharulasha;

(*b*) whether any report has been submitted by the Revenue Divisional Officer to the District Collector regarding this President;

(*c*) whether the Government have made enquiries regarding the various illegal actions of the said President, such as tampering with the electoral roll and ballot papers, his highhanded action in the matter of the receipt of nomination papers, etc., mentioned in the petition and, if so, with what result;

(*d*) whether the Government have since taken from his hands the power of preparing electoral rolls as prayed for in the petition and appointed a deputy tahsildar for the purpose; and

(*e*) whether they will be pleased to amend the Local Boards Act vesting the power to prepare electoral rolls in the hands of a Revenue officer?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) It appears so from the petition.
(*c*) District Board President's remarks have been called for.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) The matter is under consideration.

Nominations to the District and Taluk Boards of Salem, Coimbatore, etc.

*116 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased—

(i) to place before the Council a statement of all Muhammadans, Adi-Dravidas and Indian Christians (Protestants and Catholics) who have been nominated to the district boards and taluk boards during the last four years and are still holding those positions in the districts of Salem, Coimbatore, Nilgiris, Malabar and South Kanara; and